South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Railway Connectivity: Akhaura-Laksam Double Track Project

Summary

The project will support the Government of Bangladesh in upgrading the 72-kilometer (km) Akhaura Laksam section of the Dhaka Chittagong railway corridor to a double track railway line with modern signaling equipment. The section is part of a major subregional corridor and the Trans-Asia Railway network. The project will also (i) improve 11 railway stations and (ii) strengthen the capacity of the railway sector in project management and implementation as well as in accessing climate mitigation funds. By increasing the capacity of a major international trade corridor, the project will boost the national economy and facilitate subregional cooperation and trade. The project was endorsed by the SASEC Trade Facilitation and Transport Working Group in a meeting held in Singapore on 30 October 2013.